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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2a, 2b and 3. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 2A, 2B and 3 replace the original sheets including Figures 1, 2a, 2b and 3.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 4-13, 15-18, and 45. Applicants provide the required amendments to the specification and drawings herein. In addition, Applicants provide formal drawings for Figs. 1, 2A, 2B and 3. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11, had previously been amended to include sequence identifiers in a response dated January 12, 2000.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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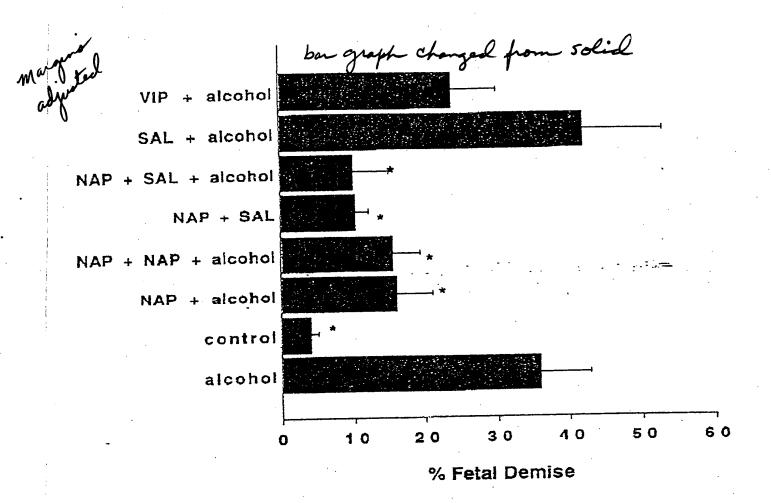
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FIG. Figure 1

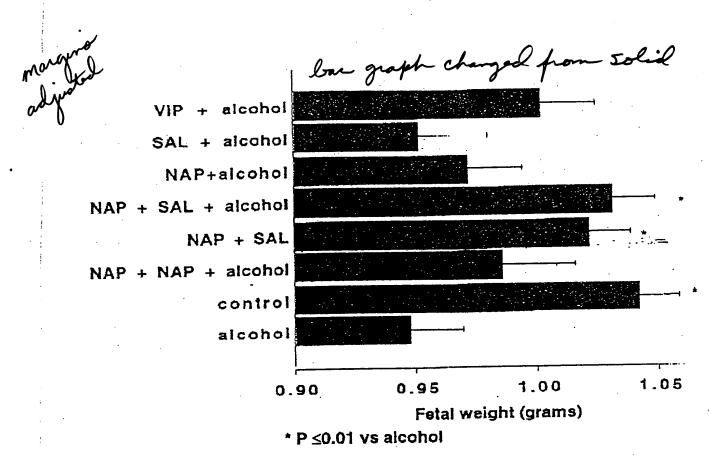




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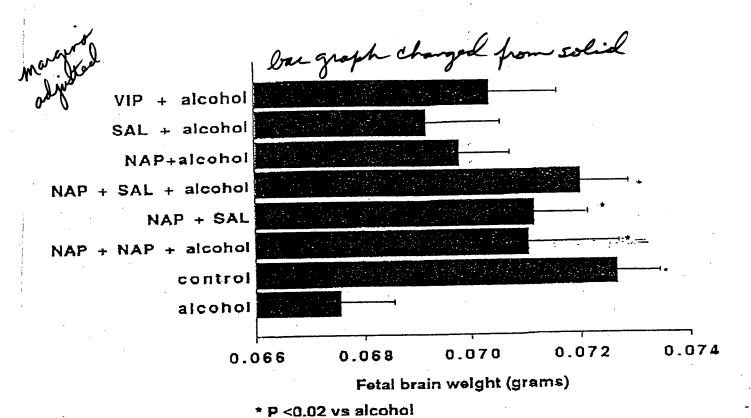
FIG. Figure 2/1 A





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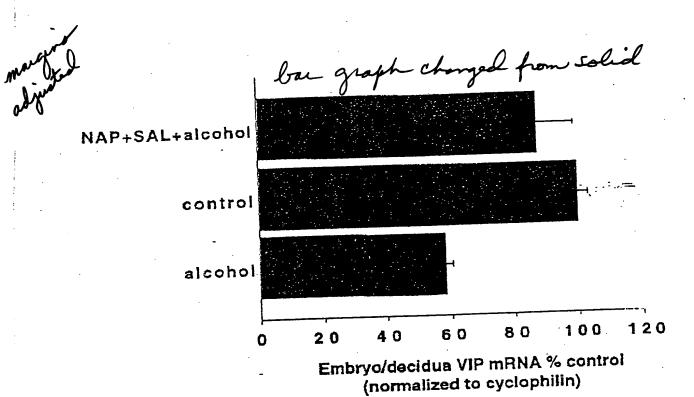
FIG. Figure 21/5 B



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